

measured portions to an animal which comprises a feed unit for containing said food, an entrance opening to said feed unit, a closing member for closing said feed unit, a feed supplying device for providing feed to said feed unit, weighing means for weighing the feed in said feed unit, said weighing means comprising a roll which is in contact with said feed unit, said roll providing data concerning the amount of feed in said feed unit, an animal identification means for identifying animals that go to said feed unit with the intent to take feed therefrom, said animal identification means selectively opening and closing said closing means for selected animals that appear at said feed unit to take feed therefrom depending on the then current nutritional status of said animal.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please cancel the Abstract on page 19 in its entirety and substitute the Abstract of Disclosure appended hereto:

**REMARKS**

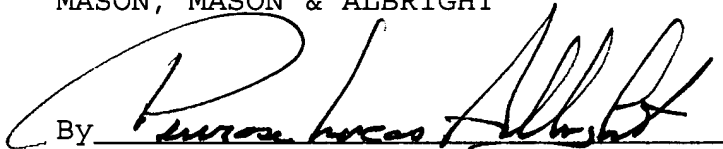
The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is: (1) To provide a Substitute Specification and an Abstract which are in formats customary for U.S. Patent Applications and which are also expressed in less stilted and more readable idiomatic English; (2) To amend the claims of this Application to eliminate multiple-dependent claims therefrom; (3) To establish a Filing Fee; (4) To amend the claims so that they are more nearly in formats customary for U.S. Patent Applications. It is to be understood, nevertheless, the claims originally set forth remain part of original disclosure of

the Application.

As amended, the Application has thirty-two (32) claims, three (3) of which are independent claims. Accordingly, a Filing Fee of Four Hundred and Sixty-three dollars (\$463.00) appears to be required and our check to cover same is submitted herewith. If this is in error, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to debit or credit our Account No. 13-2000, as appropriate.

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